

# Chickens and Eggs

The value of eggs produced in Utah during 2001 totaled \$31.3 million, 21 percent above the 2000 level. Total production, at 853 million eggs, was up 20 percent from 2000. The average price of eggs was 44.0 cents per dozen, 0.6 cents above 2000. The average number of layers during 2001 was 3.2 million, up 20 percent from the 2000 level. Eggs produced per layer was 264

compared with 263 for 2000. Pounds of chicken sold (primarily cull laying hens) at 5.2 million increased 21 percent from 2000. The average price per pound of chickens sold was 0.1 cent compared with 2.0 cents in 2000. The value of chickens sold in 2001 was \$5,000, down 94 percent from 2000.

**Layers & Eggs: Number, Production and Value of Production, Utah 1994-2001 <sup>1</sup>**

Year	Average Number of Layers	Eggs per Layer <sup>2</sup>	Total Egg Production	Price per Dozen	Value of Production
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Millions</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
1994	1,885	260	491	0.451	18,453
1995	1,950	263	513	0.471	20,135
1996	1,746	266	464	0.566	21,885
1997	1,819	266	483	0.576	23,184
1998	1,824	262	478	0.520	20,713
1999	1,913	272	521	0.443	19,234
2000	2,704	263	712	0.434	25,751
2001	3,232	264	853	0.440	31,277

<sup>1</sup> Estimates cover the 12 month period, December 1 previous year, through November 30.

<sup>2</sup> Total egg production divided by average number of layers on hand.

